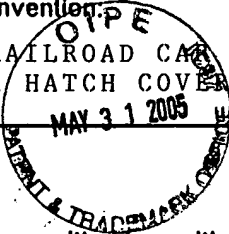
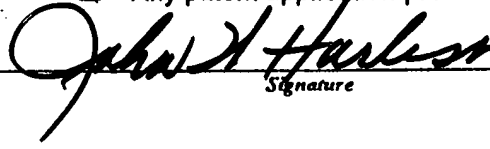
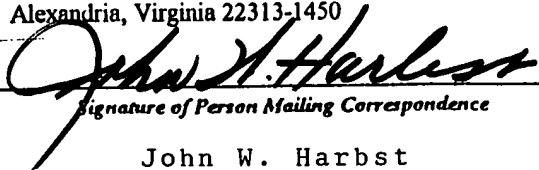


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Sir:

Responding to a March 22, 2005 Office Action, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: